

AMENDMENTIn the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-5, 7-9, 36, 38, 39 and 51, without prejudice and disclaimer and add the following new claims:

<sup>13</sup> 52. (New) A method of stimulating an immune response in a host animal comprising:

administering an antigen to said animal in the presence of an immunostimulating amount of an adjuvant composition consisting essentially of:

(1) 5% by volume of squalene; and

(2) one or more emulsifying agents selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene sorbitan polyoxyethylene sorbitan monooleate and sorbitan trioleate, wherein the total amount of emulsifying agent(s) present is 1% by weight (w/w); wherein said squalene and said emulsifying agent(s) are present in the form of an oil-in-water emulsion having oil droplets substantially all of which are about 100 nm to less than 500 nm in diameter and wherein said composition exists in the absence of any polyoxypropylene-polyoxyethylene block copolymer and in the absence of any muramyl peptide, and further wherein said adjuvant composition is capable of increasing the immune response to said antigen.

<sup>14</sup> 53. (New) The method of claim <sup>13</sup> 52, wherein the one or more emulsifying agents are polyoxyethylene sorbitan polyoxyethylene sorbitan monooleate and sorbitan trioleate and the total amount of polyoxyethylene sorbitan polyoxyethylene sorbitan monooleate and sorbitan trioleate present is 1% by weight (w/w).--

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 29, 36 and 38-51, were examined in the Office Action dated August 30, 2000. Claims 1-5, 7-9, 36, 38, 39 and 51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as obvious and claims 29 and 40-50 were allowed.